

Maundy Thursday Worship – April 9, 2020 Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church



Welcome

Call to Worship

The entry into Jerusalem -

a time of great celebration.

The entry into the upper room -

a time of great togetherness.

The entry into the judgment hall -

a time of great humiliation.

The entry onto Golgotha -

a time of great pain... and death.

Our Lenten journey has brought us to this place.

to profess our faith,

to hear Jesus' Story,

to remember his life and his death.

Let us worship God and remember.

Opening Prayer

Holy and gracious God,

our sins weigh us down

and our past is full of shadows.

Trusting in your mercy,

we lay before you the truth of who we are.

We confess our failure to love as Christ loved...(silence for prayers)

We confess our hungers and our greed...(silence for prayers)

We confess our weakness before temptation...(silence for prayers)

We confess our fragility in the face of challenges...(silence for prayers)

Merciful God, heal us and make us whole.

We pray in the name of your Son, our Redeemer, Amen.

Scripture

John 13:1-11

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Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The

devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper
³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God
and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.
⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the
towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to
wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will
understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you,
you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and
my head!' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is
entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this
reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

Scripture

John 13:31-35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been
glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him Reflection, God will also glorify him in himself and
will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I
said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new
commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one
another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Reflection

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy...

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day
our daily bread,**

**as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever,
Amen.**

and forgive us our debts,

The Breaking of the Bread

*By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is present to us in this meal, and that presence comes
through whatever elements we use. Please take the elements you have at home, and eat whatever
kind of bread you have, and drink whatever cup you have prepared. The bread is the body of Christ,*

the bread of heaven, and the cup is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Take and eat. Take and drink.

Prayer after Communion (together)

**Jesus, you call us to live your life,
follow where you have trod,
be your presence in these streets,
show compassion to the poor,
support the weak,
embrace the outcast,
bring lives into your kingdom.**

**Yet our hearts are troubled,
we are fearful of the task,
deafened to your promise
to be with us
wherever we might go.**

**As you have fed us at your table,
grant us peace for the journey,
and strength for the day,
that we might demonstrate our love
in the life we live and share. Amen**

Blessing

Song

“Were You There?”

Katie Musick

Let us depart in silence into the shadows of the night. Our worship continues tomorrow with the community Good Friday service. Watch for the link to the service.

The Prayer after Communion is adapted from the work of spiritual writer John Birch.